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SUBJECT: CALL ON MFA SEC GEN EREZ

1. ON JANUARY 11 I GAVE MFA SEC GEN EREZ THE INFORMATION IN STATE 251402 (NOTAL) CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN THE US. EREZ WAS APPRECIATIVE.

2. TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS UNDER ARREST IN TURKEY FOR NARCOTICS OFFENSES (AND MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY THE HAYES AND ANTAKYA THREE CASES), I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS CAREFULLY FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE MUCH TALKED OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY AMNESTY PROSPECTS. I MADE CLEAR THAT THE USG DOES NOT QUESTION TURKISH COURT PROCEDURES, BUT THAT HARSHNESS OF PENALTIES IN THESE CASES AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE TWO GIRLS HAD CAUSED MUCH ATTENTION AND RAISED MUCH CONCERN IN THE US. I AGAIN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT AMNESTY ROUTE COULD BE USED TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION WHICH I OTHERWISE BELIEVED WAS LIKELY TO CAUSE MUCH SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS. EREZ RESPONDED THAT THE MINISTRY HAD SENT A NOTE TO FORMER FONMIN HASAN ISIK, NOW THE NEWLY-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN

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AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT,

SUPPORTING AN AMNESTY EFFORT. EREZ NOTED THAT FAMOUS
TIMOTHY DAVIE CASE (VERY YOUNG UK SUBJECT) AS WELL
AS AMERICAN CASES WERE CAUSE FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY
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